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## Providing security



CPL. NATHAN J. FERBERT

Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit provide security during a noncombatant evacuation exercise at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility here Oct. 14. The NEO was one of 15 missions the 13th MEU executed during a Compatibility Training Underway Exercise off the Southern California coast.

COMPTUEX marks the first time Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON3) Sailors and 13th MEU Marines embarked aboard the three ships of the USS Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group. This gave the MEU/ARG team a chance to plan and execute ship-to-shore missions to prepare for deployment.

## New MEB mission: anti-terrorism

Camp Lejeune-based 4th MEB will expand, absorb existing anti-terrorism forces

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON – The Marines are standing up an anti-terrorism brigade at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Corps officials announced recently.

The 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade will be fully operational on Dec. 1, said BGen. Douglas V. O'Dell, who will command the unit.

The brigade will have 4,800 Marines and sailors and will absorb existing anti-terrorism capabilities, including Marine Security Force Battalion, the Marine Security Guard Battalion and the Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force.

O'Dell said creation of the umbrella unit has been a long-term goal of the Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones. The units' individual missions are similar; the merger should create synergy that will enhance anti-terrorist efforts, he said.

The unit will also have a fourth element: an anti-terrorism battalion. The new battalion will evolve from 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, the unit terrorists hit in Lebanon in 1983, killing 241 U.S. service members.

The Marines may ask for approximately 2,400 more Marines to bolster the brigade, O'Dell said. The increase would cover establishing the anti-terrorist battalion and another Fleet Antiterrorist Security Team. It also would make up for members of the CBIRF that the Corps took "out of hide" when it was first

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## 911 force channels emotions through readiness

SGT. JOSEPH CHENELLY  
15TH MEU (SOC)

**ABOARD USS PELELIU –** When word came of the terror in New York City, Pennsylvania and the nation's capital, Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) knew the tip of America's metaphorical spear may be needed to protect the United States from future attacks.

Sitting in troop berthing,

Marines discuss the surreal scene back home and Operation Enduring Freedom. No one in the MEU, which left Camp Pendleton in August on a scheduled six-month deployment and has already completed a humanitarian mission in East Timor, has seen the dramatic changes their loved ones back home are enduring.

Nonetheless, like back home, human emotions – and mental readiness – are being dealt with in every corner of the amphibious ships the MEU is embarked aboard.

"I'm trying not to think about the dangers of combat," said Cpl. Conor K. Duffy, 21, a mortarman with Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 15th MEU (SOC). "I'm keeping my head up, looking forward and trying to



stay focused on readying for whatever the country needs."

Much like the attitude portrayed in the World War II recruiting slogan "Tell it to the Marines," a sense of duty is gripping Marines here. History shows how Marines responded after the attack on Pearl Harbor,

and the Marine Corps thrives on its immensely proud tradition.

"Everyone joined the Corps living off the legends and stories of the past," said Cpl. Norman A. Peoples, 25, a rifleman with Charlie Company, BLT 1/1. "It may be our turn to do our part in keeping the traditions alive."

From the highest level of command to the most junior warrior, maintaining readiness is a way of life on a MEU.

Martial arts instruction, weapons maintenance, an as-

sortment of tactics, rehearsals and briefings fill infantrymen's days. The Battalion Landing Team here is re-emphasizing basic infantry skills.

The aviation combat element is working around the clock to ensure aircraft readiness.

"I trust the pilots, aircraft and myself," said SSgt. Russell D. Jevell, 32, a CH-46E crewman with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (reinforced). "We're flying a lot of

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## Residents urged to take safeguards against terrorism

County offers long list of measures stemming from coordinated agency planning

SGT. MATTHEW SHAW  
STAFF WRITER

Officials at Camp Pendleton and in neighboring communities have long been planning to deal with biological, chemical and other forms of terrorism. Now, they're offering tips on how individuals can protect themselves.

Terrorist attacks Sept. 11 in the United States – and an emerging picture of biological attacks via the U.S. mail over the past week that could be acts of organized terrorism – underscore the importance of preparation and awareness.

Accordingly, law enforcement, medical, military and other agencies are planning and preparing a comprehensive emergency response to myriad scenarios. That response includes education aimed at local residents.

According to information distributed by San Diego County, you should:

- Be prepared and observe your environment. Terrorists most often strike with little or no warning.

- Use caution when traveling. Observe and report unusual activity. Keep packages in your possession at all times. Do not accept packages from strangers.

- Locate stairways and emergency exits and develop plans for evacuating buildings and crowded public areas.

- If you are near an explosion, take cover behind a sturdy object to avoid falling debris and evacuate the area as quickly as possible.

- Beware of suspicious mail. The U.S. Postal Service says to use extra care if you receive a parcel that:

- Is unexpected or from someone unfamiliar to you.

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## Heart of a champion



SGT. JOE A. FIGUEROA

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Alford McMichael name Shingo Arasaki an honorary Marine as his mother looks on.

## CMC 'inducts' heart transplant patient

Honorary Marine status is latest gesture of Marine Corps support for Okinawan man

SGT. JOE A. FIGUEROA  
STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES – An Okinawan man's bravery in the face of adversity has inspired the Commandant of

the Marine Corps to visit him personally and dub him an honorary Marine – an act of homage rarely afforded to foreigners.

Gen. James L. Jones' visit Monday with Shingo Arasaki, 19, is the Marine Corps' latest gesture of support for the man, hospitalized at UCLA Medical Center after receiving a heart transplant.

The designation comes weeks after Arasaki became an honorary member of 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

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## San Onofre to test sirens

**SAN ONOFRE –** San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station will sound its 49 sirens twice for three to five minutes Wednesday between 10 a.m. and noon.

The alarm system test complies with federal regulations in alerting local communities in the event of a nuclear emergency at the energy plant. The test covers communities within 10 miles of the plant. The zone includes the cities of Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and the counties of Orange and San Diego.

The sirens serve as a reminder for

local residents to turn on radios or televisions for instructions. South Orange County and North San Diego County Pacific Bell telephone directory white pages also offer instructions and information in case of an emergency.

Before and during the siren test, KWVE 107.9, the primary Emergency Alert System radio station, will broadcast information.

Local governments also can use the community alert system to inform residents of other types of emergencies.



## Pendleton Points

*Submissions for Pendleton Points must be received by Monday at 4 p.m. to make that week's paper. Submissions can be brought to Building 1160, Room 113; faxed to 385-0053; or e-mailed to lamaybe@mail.cpp.usmc.mil.*

### Wire Mountain clean-up

Wire Mountain I and II family housing will hold a fall clean-up week Tuesday through Oct. 27.

All residents are encouraged to enhance and clean their yards and surrounding areas.

For more information, call 725-2247.

### Energy Awareness Fair

An Energy Awareness Fair is scheduled for Tuesday at the 11 Area Main Exchange courtyard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair is open to all commands and will feature new energy-saving technologies and information.

### Family employment forum

The Family Member Employment Program Open House, originally scheduled for Sept. 12, will be Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Mesa Club, Building 202850.

Military spouses and family members are encouraged to attend. About 15 agencies offering paid positions, training or volunteer opportunities will be on hand. Food and door prizes will be on tap.

Call 725-9481/4737.

### Monitors here this week

Marine monitors are visiting today

through Tuesday to discuss career issues and advise Marines.

The schedule:

n Command brief, 8-11 a.m., San Luis Rey Officers' Club

n MMEA branch sergeant major's brief, 7:30-11 a.m., MCAS ATC Tower, Building 2399

n Career brief, 7:30-9 a.m., MAG-39 Headquarters, Building 2360

n Time with monitors, 9 a.m.-TBA, MCAS ATC Tower, Building 2399

n First-term brief, 7:30-9 a.m., Del Mar Chapel, Building 21704; 9:30-11 a.m., MAG-39 Headquarters, Building 2360, Room 104; 1-2:30 p.m., Camp Margarita MP Classroom, Building 33523.

### Red Cross, dental center offer free training

The American Red Cross and the Naval Dental Center are offering comprehensive training in the field of dentistry. The training includes 400 hours volunteering chairside at Camp Pendleton-based dental clinics.

Classes begin Nov. 5. Class size is limited and applicants are accepted first come, first served.

Applicants must have current certification in Red Cross CPR/first aid.

Applications can be picked up Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call Lorelie Capuzzi, 725-3303.

### Recruiter assistants needed

Recruiter assistants are needed for Guam, Hawaii and Orange County. Volunteers can spend 30 days close to home while earning promotion points.

Call (949) 261-0331.

### Child care providers needed

Camp Pendleton's Family Child Care program is looking for "a few good family members" to become qualified providers. It's a chance to earn income while helping children during their crucial developmental years.

FCC staff will train new providers in CPR, first aid, sanitation, safety and child development.

Families needing daycare are reminded that using uncertified providers violates a base order.

For more information, call 725-9723 or 725-9549.

### Ohio recruiting opening

Recruiter assistants are needed in northeast Ohio for the last three months of the year. The 30-day assignment nets promotion points for those who serve.

Call (800) 862-3431.

### Retired officers' ball

The Retired Officers' Association will host its 23rd annual commemoration of the Marine Corps birthday with a military ball Nov. 3.

A five-piece orchestra will perform, along with the Marine Corps Band, with dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Prime rib headlines the menu, with birthday cake for dessert.

Dress is formal. Admission is \$30 per person. Retired MajGen. Claude Reinke will be the guest of honor.

Call retired Maj. Ray Schmidt, 728-5389.

### Preretirement seminar

Marines and Navy personnel (officers and enlisted) contemplating retirement within two years are invited to a preretirement seminar Dec. 11-14 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Base Entertainment Center, Building 1339.

Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required. Call Val Valentine, 725-6207.

A seminar is also scheduled for Feb. 12-15, 2002.

### Program targets single parents

The base's New Parent Support Group is beginning a new group just for single parents of children 5 and younger. The group meets Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., at the Abby Reinke Community Center. It offers tips on balancing career and family and ideas on parenting without a partner.

Commands are encouraged to pass this information on to members who are single parents to assist with their personal readiness planning.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch to the meetings.

For more information, call 725-3884.

### Camp Del Mar detour

A portion of Imhoff Road, between Buildings 210730 and 210846, is closed permanently.

The segment is being demolished to facilitate construction of the 12th Street extension, which will link Imhoff Road and C Street.

Beach access will be detoured to the south along 8th Street. Beach access via 12th Street is expected to be opened in November.

### Exceptional families sought

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory for families with a member who has special needs as a result of a physical, intellectual or emotional handicap.

For more information, call C.J. Donarski, 725-5363.

### Lost and found items on base

The Marine Corps Base Lost and Found holds many items that if not claimed within 45 days will be disposed of. Claimants will be required to give a full description of items and property prior to release.

Items include military ID tags, keys, wallets, bikes, planners, duffel bags, cellular phones, cameras and clothing.

For more information, call 725-9454.

### Saturday walk-ins at Legal

The Joint Legal Assistance Office offers Saturday walk-in appointments from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Mainside Office, Building 13131. Walk-in service is available Mondays at 1 p.m. at Camp Horno, Building 53435. Services are first come, first served and reserved for active-duty and retired military personnel and their dependents.

Clients are urged to call ahead to verify the office is open.

For more information, call 725-6172.

# Base's no-speeding campaign to get sticky

Motorists to receive stickers aimed at helping remind others to obey speed limits

SGT. ROBERT PIPER  
STAFF WRITER

The base wants to advertise its no-speeding stance -- and is

asking Camp Pendleton motorists to help with the campaign.

No later than Nov. 1, vehicle owners receiving official decals also will get informative handouts and a no-speeding sticker to display on the rear of the vehicles. The handouts explain consequences associated with speeding. The stickers are visual reminders to obey speed limits -- a theme emphasized by MajGen. David F. Bice since he

took command of the base last summer.

"All of this is part of a three-pronged public awareness campaign to provide constant visual reminders to all who drive on base," said Sue Baumann, a staff member with the Provost Marshal's Office. "The goal is to comply with the commanding general's wishes and make this a no-speeding base."

About 100,000 stickers and handouts are being printed. Security Battalion will provide

stickers to owners of currently registered vehicles.

Additionally, sometime this fiscal year, a sign will be displayed at each of Camp Pendleton's seven gates, welcoming motorists and reminding them that traffic regulations are strictly enforced. Each sign will include the same safe driving symbol printed on the stickers.

Last year alone, 30,000 ve-

hicles were registered aboard base. Each new registration provides a chance to remind someone to drive safely, Baumann said.

Individuals and units are highly encouraged to participate by requesting stickers for their vehicles. Stickers can be obtained at on-base vehicle registration outlets.

Ultimately, MajGen. Bice sums up the campaign with a handwritten message on the

handouts: "Let's save lives -- drive safely."

According to the Naval Safety Center, 31 percent of all privately owned vehicle accidents result from speeding.

PMO reported that at least one traffic fatality on base this year resulted directly from speeding.

## Child safety sweep slated for Halloween

SGT. ROBERT PIPER  
STAFF WRITER

The number of child deaths nationally on Halloween night is four times higher than on any other night. So the Provost Marshal's Office is unleashing Operation Base Reign Over Our Munchkins to keep Pendleton children from becoming another statistic.

According to the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Halloween deaths involve trick-or-treaters hit by cars -- so seeing and being seen are a big part of PMO's Halloween safety plan.

To ensure all ghouls and goblins on base receive treats, not tricks, and get home safely, Operation BROOM takes effect Oct. 31 between 5 and 8 p.m. Trick-or-treating is authorized only during those hours.

"We want to ensure that all the children aboard the installation are safe while enjoying themselves this Halloween," said GySgt. Loretta A. Marsh, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of PMO's Crime Prevention Office.

The operation includes seven checkpoints, each with metal detectors, to check treats, assist lost children and pass out candy. The checkpoints are the Wire Mountain Housing Office, Santa Margarita School, Serra Mesa basketball court, DeLuz Housing Office, Stuart Mesa Exchange, San Onofre School and San Onofre Mobile Home Park.

Marsh advises that parents also carefully look over the treats, scanning for open candy wrappers or other signs of tampering. Parents should also inspect fruit and homemade items deposited in a trick-or-treaters' bag.

Anyone needing assistance should seek out Military Police volunteers wearing orange reflective vests.

PMO recommendations:

- Take one adult per every group of four children
- Don't wear a mask that may obstruct your vision
- Don't talk to or accept candy from strangers on the street
- Wear reflective or "light" clothing
- Carry a flashlight or chem-light
- Go only to houses with their porch lights on
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Don't wander into strange/unfamiliar neighborhoods
- Don't enter anyone's home or vehicle to accept items

Volunteers are needed to help support the operation. Call GySgt. Marsh, 725-9455.

## 'Mess'ing it up



SGT. MATTHEW SHAW

A former corpsman proposes a toast during a 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion reunion mess night Sept. 13 at the South Mesa Club. The World War II veterans enjoyed

interacting with active-duty Marines serving with their old battalion, now named 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion.

## Energy-saving tips

### HEATING

- When replacing an old furnace or boiler, insist on having a heat loss analysis of your house performed to size the heating system properly. Don't install a unit that is the same size as the old one; units used to be considerably oversized. The size of a new heating system should not exceed the peak heating demand by more than 25 percent.

- When purchasing a new gas or oil heating system, specify sealed combustion. Sealed combustion units bring in outside air to feed the combustion process, and exhaust flue gases directly to the outside without the need for a draft hood or damper. They generally burn more efficiently, and they do not pose the risk of backdrafting -- the flow of dangerous combustion gases into the house.

- Bleed the air from hot water radiators once or twice each heating season. Trapped air keeps systems from performing properly.

- If your oil heating system is pre-1975 but is in good shape, consider a flame retention head burner retrofit. A flame retention head burner burns fuel in a cleaner and

more controlled manner, increasing efficiency and reducing pollution. It often pays for itself in one to two years through lower heating costs.

- In the winter remove and store window air conditioners, or cover them to reduce cold air from entering the house through the air conditioner.

- If you heat your house with a heat pump and have a conventional thermostat, do not set back the temperature setting when the house is unoccupied during the day or when the occupants are asleep at night. Setting back a conventional thermostat can cause the heat pumps to operate inefficiently, canceling any savings achieved by lowering the temperature setting. Do set back the thermostat if you have a setback heat pump thermostat. This problem does not arise when the heat pump operates in the cooling mode. Turning up the setting of both conventional and setback thermostats in the summer will save you energy and money.

- If you have a hot water or steam heating system, put a reflector behind your radiator to reflect heat into the room that would

normally be lost through the wall.

- If you have reversible ceiling fans, set them in the winter to circulate the heated air collecting at the ceiling down towards the floor.

- If you plan to buy a new furnace, select an energy-efficient unit. Your contractor has energy fact sheets for each model; ask for them and compare energy usage.

- Keep your heating system well tuned with periodic maintenance by a professional service person. Oil-fired systems should be tuned up and cleaned every year, gas-fired every two years, and heat pumps every two to three years. Ask the service person how the energy efficiency of the system could be increased.

- If you plan a new gas heating system, ask your gas utility or public services commission about the savings potential of electronic ignition.





# Tattered flags fall short of intended patriotism

LCPL. DANIELLE M. BACON

I remember burning the American flag. I was 7. My Girl Scout troop leader explained the meaning of Old Glory and the need to burn worn-out flags.

She told us such flag burnings were not unpatriotic. On the contrary, it's our duty never to fly a flag that would disgrace our nation, she said. Her words were burned into my memory, and tears streamed down my face as we took part in a proper flag burial.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have strengthened our nation. The nation's pride shines through as its flag flies everywhere.

But it saddens me when it flies tattered, dirty and worn.

Every night on any military installation, you can witness evening colors. It's a touching sight for any proud American.

The Color Guard moves with precision. The corporal skillfully gathers each fold of the silken banner — careful not to dishonor the flag or himself by letting it touch the ground.

Why aren't others so careful with the flag?

Obviously,

anyone flying an American flag is showing pride. They also could be offering hope to those affected by last month's terror.

What does it mean when they fly a tattered flag? Is it a sign of tattered hopes?

I am sure that's not their intent.

What would you think if you saw a unit commander walking around without his rank insignia? What if his boots were unlaced or his trousers ripped?

That is hypothetical and you will never see it. Hopefully, one day, we can say the

same for the flag.

If you have a ripped, tattered or torn flag not fit for display, dispose of it properly with a quiet burning.

If you do not feel comfortable carrying out the ceremony yourself, the Fallbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veterans groups will do it for you.

Whatever you do, see what I see: Crimson for the blood of those who paved the way to greatness; untainted white for the truth our justice system seeks; and azure blue for the skies we live to protect.

Bacon is a staff writer for *The Scout*.

## Commentary

## Display the U.S. flag properly

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following are excerpts from U.S. Code: Title 36, Chapter 10, Patriotic Customs concerning flag etiquette.

### Sec. 174. Time and occasions for display

#### - Display on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in open; night display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

#### - Manner of hoisting

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

#### - Inclement weather

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

#### - Particular days of display

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December

25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

#### - Display on or near administration building of public institutions

The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

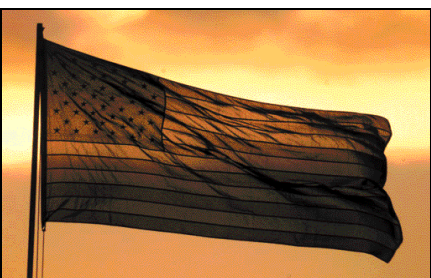
#### - Display in or near polling places

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

#### - Display in or near schoolhouses

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

### Sec. 175. Position and manner of display



The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

- The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff, or as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

- The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

- No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown

above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: Provided, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

- The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

- The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

- When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

- When the flag of the United

## Scouting Around

“How do you feel about living near Camp Pendleton?”



Todd Ayres  
Oceanside resident

“It makes me feel safer. We are proud of the job the Marines are doing.”



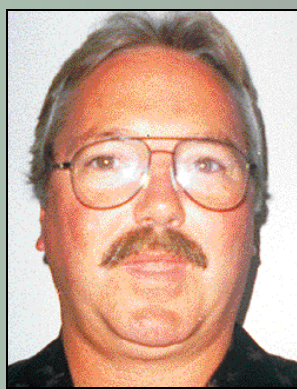
Ron Owens  
Oceanside resident

“I think it's great that the military is here. Without the Marines, there would be no Oceanside.”



Ryan Wickman  
Oceanside resident

“I feel safer living here beside the Marines.”



Gary Page  
Oceanside resident

“I feel safe because we have the military to protect us.”



Randy Clark  
Vista resident

“I think it is great. The Marines bring business to our economy and it gives me a sense of security.”



Bernie Vos  
Oceanside resident

“I think it's relatively safe.”

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## This week in Marine Corps history

**Oct. 18, 1859 -- President James Buchanan ordered Marines to capture John Brown at Harpers Ferry.**

**Oct. 19, 1800 -- Marines participated in a tribute to Day of Algiers.**

**- Oct. 20, 1926 -- President Calvin Coolidge ordered Marines to guard the U.S. mail.**

**- Oct. 21, 1944 -- Marines of V Amphibious Corps landed at Leyte, Philippines, in support of the U.S. Army during World War II.**

**- Oct. 22, 1777 -- Continental Marines helped foil Gen. William Howe's plans to capture Philadelphia.**



## MEB

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established.

Col. T.X. Hammes, commander of CBIRF, said the new assignment won't change how his group operates.

"We keep the same operating procedures and the same capabilities," he said in an interview with the Daily News of Jacksonville, N.C. He called the 4th MEB "an idea that will evolve."

The 4th MEB's mission is to detect, deter, defend against and respond to terrorist activity, O'Dell said. A first priority is beefing up the unit's intelligence

section, he said.

O'Dell said the brigade will provide "vigilance with an attitude, and the Marine Corps muscle to back it up."

"This is evolving very rapidly," he said. "It is a capability we have on the ground today. We have the ability to deploy assets today, and we will grow this capability as we continue to train very aggressively for whatever threat may emerge, not only in the United States but around the world."

O'Dell, a reserve general officer, said the headquarters for the brigade may shift to Norfolk, Va.

The brigade will have a worldwide presence. The Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, in Norfolk, has units based

around the world. The Marine Security Guard Battalion at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., maintains security at selected U.S. embassies and missions.

The Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force was established in 1996, one year after a sarin gas attack in Tokyo. Headquartered in Indian Head, Md., the force is ready to back up local, state and other federal agencies at a moment's notice.

## MEU

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training flights, and paying close attention to each detail in maintenance."

The MEU's support element is anything but idle. Its medical staff is teaching first aid classes. Mechanics spend long hours maintaining the many tactical vehicles the MEU boasts. Support personnel are reviewing weapon handling and security procedures.

"All these classes are necessary to maintain our high level of readiness," said Sgt. Matthew R. McIntosh, 22, a ground radio repairman with MEU Service Support Group 15. "We are as ready as we can

be."

Each individual unit completed many months of training before becoming an element of the 15th MEU (SOC). The elements then conducted comprehensive exercises together for another six months before deploying. The extensive training often creates close-knit units.

"I'd rather be back home with my wife, but I know I need to be here," said LCpl. Lester Ransburg, 19, a mortarman with Wpns. Co., BLT 1/1. "It wouldn't be right to be away from the platoon at a time like this. We've been through a lot together. They've become my brothers. It's my duty to be here with them now."

As the possibility of a conflict grows, so does the realism that many of the MEU's noncom-

missioned officers may be asked to lead their troops in combat.

"I've been training for three years for this. I'm confident I can lead, and I'm confident in those leading me," Peoples said. "I'm very confident in the Marines I lead. We are ready, and we will be successful in any mission asked of us."

## Taking cover



LCPL BRIAN L. WICKLIFFE

A Marine from I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, loads rounds into his M16A2 service rifle for a live fire at Range 400 during the Combined Arms Exercise Oct.5 at Twentynine Palms. The monthlong CAX ended just in time for another CAX. The purpose of the exercise is to train Marines in their individual Military Occupational Specialties in preparation for combat.

# Residents

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- Is addressed to someone no longer with your organization or is otherwise outdated.
  - Has no return address or one that can't be verified as legitimate.
  - Is of unusual weight, given its size, or is lopsided or oddly shaped.
  - Is marked with restrictive endorsements such as "personal" or "confidential."
  - Has protruding wires, strange odors or stains.
  - Shows a city or state in the postmark that doesn't match the return address.
- If you receive a suspicious parcel:
- Remain calm.
  - Do not shake or empty its contents.
  - Place the item in a plastic bag or cover it with any other type of container (i.e. trash can) to prevent the spread of contents.
  - Leave the room and keep others away.
  - Turn off fans and ventilation units.
  - Do not touch your face, eyes or anyone else until you have washed your hands.
  - Notify the police or public safety officials immediately.
- The Provost Marshal's Office provides the following numbers:
- Call 911 only in an emergency. It's not an information line.
  - To report an incident or suspicious activity, call the PMO dispatcher, 725-3888/3889/3880, or the desk sergeant, 725-5106.
- For more information on disaster preparedness, call the Base Fire Marshal, 763-2703.
- For general information on installation security, call (888) 273-4096.
  - Information line for NHCP, 725-1288.
- Experts also advise that citizens assemble and maintain an emergency supply kit that can sustain a person without assistance for 72 hours in any kind of emergency. Suggestions for items to include in the kit:
- battery-powered radio, flashlights, batteries
  - whistle
  - first aid kit and manual
  - hard hats
  - duct tape
  - fluorescent tape to rope off dangerous areas
  - water
  - food (canned, no-cook, packaged snacks)
  - manual can opener
  - cash and credit cards
  - change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
  - blankets or sleeping bags
  - fire extinguisher (A-B-C) type
  - infant and feminine hygiene supplies
  - essential medicines and eyeglasses
  - names, addresses and telephone numbers of doctors and pharmacist
  - food and water for pets
  - large plastic bags for trash, waste, water protection
  - toilet paper and paper towels
  - charcoal grill or camping stove for outdoor cooking

# Heart

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Conferring the title "Marine" was an appropriate next step, the commandant said.

"The Marine Corps has a history of people who have shown courage, bravery and determination when faced with adversity," Jones said at Arasaki's bedside.

Arasaki first became involved with the Marine Corps months ago when a member of the

Japanese legislature requested the Corps' help in securing medical care for Arasaki in the United States.

The Marine Corps coordinated treatment and transport of Arasaki to Southern California.

Base chapels on Okinawa organized fund-raisers to offset medical expenses and donated proceeds to a foundation to pay for the transplant.

Around the time of Arasaki's arrival in the United States, 1/7 was selected to "sponsor" him. Shortly thereafter, Arasaki became an honorary member of

the battalion, located at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms.

LtCol. Richard L. Simcock II, commanding officer, 1/7, and SgtMaj. Henry E. Bergeron presented Arasaki with Marine Corps certificates in English and Japanese Aug. 23, making him a part of the battalion family.

"In the Marine Corps, we value people who have courage and character. In recognition of that bravery, we want to make (Arasaki) a United States Marine," said Jones, bedecked in a yellow hospital

gown, like everyone else in attendance, to prevent possible spread of infection.

As the commandant pinned a 14-karat gold eagle, globe and anchor pin onto Arasaki's lapel, the young patient could find no words to convey his emotions.

"I hope that it brings you a lifetime of good luck," Gen. Jones said.

Arasaki will remain at UCLA Medical Center indefinitely and is being monitored closely for signs of infection, officials said.





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SECTION B

# New first-time homebuyer program offered

## State awards \$300,000 to help Oceanside residents

OCEANSIDE -- The city has begun taking applications from modest-income, first-time homebuyers after receiving a grant of \$300,000 from the state of California.

The CalHome First-Time Homebuyer Program, a mortgage assistance vehicle, offers qualified applicants secure loans that will assist

them in financing a home.

The maximum loan under the program is \$20,000, but the city may further subsidize certain loans.

The assistance comes as home prices in North County are rising dramatically. Prices have climbed in some areas more than 20 percent in less than two years.

Applicants must fall within income ranges based on family size.

For example, the qualify-

ing income for a family of four is between \$39,830 and \$45,500.

Applicants must live in Oceanside, have fairly good credit and be able to put at least \$1,000 toward the home purchase.

The Housing and Neighborhood Services Department will conduct a pre-application lottery designed to distribute available applications.

The applications must be returned in person by 4:30

p.m. Oct. 26.

Pre-applications are available at 307 N. Nevada St.

For more information, call 435-3380.

## SeaWorld offers free admission to military and their families

### Anheuser-Busch parks salute many American heroes

Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., and its independent family of wholesalers, recently announced a tribute to America's police officers, firefighters and emergency medical workers. On Friday, it included active-duty military on its roster of heroes.

Active-duty military members and their immediate families, along with the other heroes, can enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place free on weekends by showing current identification and proof of employment. Accompanied family members will get one free admission and a discount on subsequent admissions.

The offer is valid every day through December at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla. and San Diego, and at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., SeaWorld San Antonio, Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va., and Sesame Place near Philadelphia.

"This tribute is a small way we can acknowledge and thank the men and women in this

country who have dedicated their lives to public service," said August A. Busch III, chairman of the board and president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. "In this difficult time, it's important that we recognize their commitment, dedication and courage by offering the opportunity to share time in our parks with those closest to them."

On the first visit, each will receive a customized passport valid for free, unlimited admission. Guests accompanying heroes will receive complimentary admission on the first visit and a 25 percent discount on every subsequent visit.

The Anheuser-Busch Foundation also has donated \$1 million to the American Red Cross for relief efforts to aid victims in the New York metropolitan area. Additionally, the company has provided nearly 10,000 cases of canned drinking water and more than 40,000 cases of 180 energy drink to aid rescue workers in New York City, the company said.

## Kids' day to augment Del Mar Scream Zone

DEL MAR -- The Scream Zone, a San Diego County haunted attractions, will conduct a special kids' day presentation for trick-or-treaters age 10 and younger. The event, a less-graphic version of the Del Mar Fairgrounds' Halloween Haunt, will be Oct. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The kids' day adventure will include a 15-room, 3-D haunted experience with friendly ghosts, bugs and critters appearing in mid-air. Former Disney artist R.J. Ogren created the specially designed 3-D rooms. This special showing is not only suitable for all ages but will feature many interactive activities and contests for children.

Kids' day visitors to the Scream Zone can do some early trick-or-treating.

Actors will hand out goodies at various locations in the haunted house as the children pass from room to room.

Contests abound at kids' day.

Costume contests will be judged in several categories including the funniest, scariest, most original and prettiest.

There will also be "marshmallow-talking" and mummy-wrapping contests, as well as a candy balloon relay.

Throughout the afternoon, children can paint miniature pumpkins, make lollipop ghosts and color Halloween pictures with crayons.

San Diego County Sheriff's Department and Del Mar Fire Department representatives will be present to show the youngsters safety tips.

A carnival with rides and other attractions is also planned. Parents can purchase unlimited ride wristbands for \$10 and howl the afternoon away with their children.

Kids' day is sponsored by the WB Kids Club, whose mascot, Michigan J. Frog, will greet the children and take pictures with them.

Regular admission to the kids' day scream zone is \$4 per child. Adults with children get in free. WB Kids Club card members get in for \$2.

A sign-up table at the entrance will enable children to register to become new members of the WB Kids Club.

For more information, call the Del Mar Fairgrounds event information line, (858) 755-1161.

## Park Service to waive fees Veterans Day Weekend

WASHINGTON -- Interior Secretary Gale Norton recently announced that all entrance fees to national park areas will be waived during Veterans Day Weekend, Nov. 10-12, to allow Americans to seek solace and inspiration from the nation's parks, monuments and memorials.

"We all continue to be saddened and horrified by the magnitude of tragedy our

nation has undergone, but we cannot give hate-filled terrorists a victory by forcing us to live in fear," said Norton, who made the announcement during a speech in Denver last week. "It's tragedies like these that make healing necessary so we can recover and rebound. What better places to begin that healing process than in our parks, where

Americans can draw strength from national icons of freedom and peace from splendors of nature."

Norton said that one of these national icons -- Federal Hall National Memorial, just three blocks from the fallen World Trade Center and where George Washington took the first presidential oath of office -- became a refuge to many fleeing

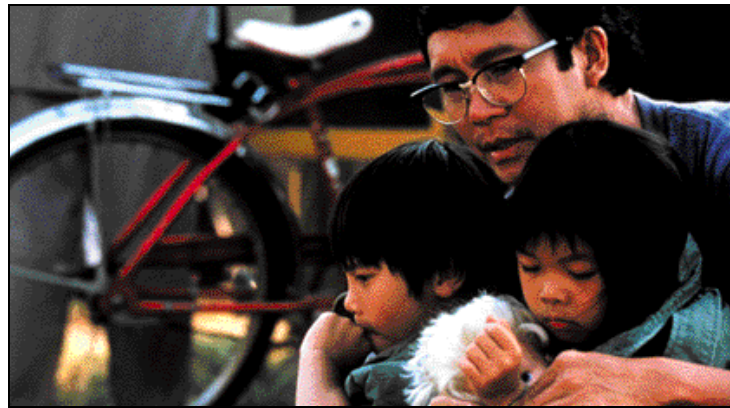
the destruction of buildings all around it.

"Federal Hall, though damaged, still stands as a beacon of hope and of American perseverance in adversity," said Norton.

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## New film explores Pendleton's past Green Dragon

*Cultures and languages collide as thousands of refugees find a new home at Camp Pendleton*



SGT. TRAVIS GANNON  
STAFF WRITER

A story whose origins bleed from the hills of Camp Pendleton is ironically unknown to many Marines -- but not for long.

A new film, *Green Dragon* -- much of which was filmed here -- tells a dramatic and compelling story from 1975, when 18,000 Vietnamese refugees flooded into Camp Pendleton. The influx marked the Marines' first experience with mass humanitarian assistance -- a mission they now train for and execute regularly in the post-Cold War era.

The film, starring Patrick Swayze and Forrest Whitaker, was the grand finale of the San Diego Asian Film Festival last month.

Camp Talega provided the backdrop for filming -- and served, along with Camp San Onofre, as a base for the original camps.

A few of the expatriates who lived there are depicted in the movie, which reveals two sides of humanity -- refugees and hosts -- struggling for mutual understanding. The mingling

of two distinct cultures and two very different languages -- coupled with the stress and fear of entering an unknown world -- forces people to step away from what they know and accept what their heart tells them.

Timothy Bui directed the movie to understand why his mother, a former camp resident, said the moon brought her pain.

*Green Dragon* examines the world around a young Vietnamese boy and his sister.

The pair came to Camp Pendleton after their mother promised she would meet them in America. The boy searches the camp every day, hoping to find his mother, and each evening promises his sister he will look again in the morning.

Each character in the story also has his own tale. The boy's uncle, a translator for the Vietnamese, helps GySgt. Jim Lance (Swayze) un-

derstand the refugees both in language and spirit.

The camp's cook (Whitaker) befriends the boy and teaches him to paint. Their relationship slowly progresses as the cook sees himself in the shy but curious child.

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Patrick Swayze stars as GySgt. Jim Lance, who has to organize the tent city and deal with the camp's new guests.

## It didn't happen overnight ... it happened day and night

*Real story of refugees revolves around hope and hard work*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story appeared in *The Scout* on May 1, 1975.

CWO-4 ROGER COMBS

A week ago last Monday, there was nothing at Camp Talega and San Onofre. Today there exists a city built to house 18,000 people.

It didn't happen overnight ... it happened day and night. Monday, May 28, 8:30 a.m., the word was passed. "Prepare to feed and house up to 18,000 Indo-China war refugees."

The work began immediately.



A medical officer attaches wrist identification bands to Vietnamese refugees as they arrive at Camp Talega in May 1975.

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# City

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The first area to be readied for the incoming refugees are huts at Camp Talega. They were already standing by for the expected influx of Marine Corps Reservists and their annual summertime training. Additional food supplies were brought in, the mess hall was put into operation and a sick bay processing center was set up. Telephones, dozens of them, were installed. The work ran into the night under floodlights. Late Monday, steps were under way to erect the first tent city, just east of Camp Talega's quonset huts. At the same time, about 90 huts at Camp San Onofre were being prepared for the impending arrival of the first refugees. Just before noon Tuesday, Marines, Navy men and civilian workers and in fact, the entire world through the coverage by the nearly 100 newsmen here

watched the first refugees arrive at Talega. They were bused here from their aircraft which had landed at MCAS El Toro, some 30 miles north. Those first bus loads were only the beginning. Camp Pendleton received 813 refugees. The pace stepped up considerably the next day, as more than 2,300 refugees streamed into the base, day and night. Last Thursday saw 4,200 arrivals, followed by daily influxes of 2,000 refugees per day. They came with few possessions from all walks of life, each one with a story of escape from a war-torn country.

There are Americans with Vietnamese families, employees of American firms, doctors, lawyers, university professors, newsmen, grocery clerks, farmers, businessmen, wives, children, mothers, fathers, nieces, nephews and those who got out alone. They appeared slightly bewildered and were obviously tired from their long trip. Marine and Vietnamese language experts were on hand to brief the refugees, show them to their new temporary quarters, show them the camp layout and answer questions. Soon, there were many happy reunions as bus after bus was unloaded. The children, as children do everywhere, were the first to venture out of their new homes, smiling shyly at their hosts. Most settled their few possessions and had their first meal in the United States.

Meanwhile, 500 to 600 Marines and base employees continued their work around the clock.



Camp Pendleton's Red Cross field director, Bernice Warner, finds her first job at Camp Talega -- baby-sitting a Vietnamese infant.

More and more tent camps sprang up along Talega road toward Camp Cristianitos. Yesterday, there was only grass; today, part of a city is in place. Ditches, water pipelines and power lines were installed just ahead of the tents. Thousands of tent stakes, poles and rope pieces later, tents were finally up. The last tent camp was set up near the helicopter landing zone in the valley between Camps Cristianitos and San Mateo. Marines from the 2nd Bn., 1st Marines finished nearly four hours ahead of schedule. The effort required hundreds of chemical toilets, miles of pipelines and electrical and communications wiring, tons of additional food and unrelenting effort, sweat, muscle and dedication by not only those directly involved but hundreds of others "in the rear" who are supporting those in the northern end of the camp. A lot of people at Camp Pendleton lost a lot of sleep during this initial effort. But morale never flagged and everything that needed to be done was done ahead of time. The primary task was to see to the health and comfort of refugees who had been through so much to get here. A well-known television network newscaster closed his broadcast from Camp Pendleton with the statement "there's a feeling here that the Marines can do anything." He isn't wrong.



Two Vietnamese children are fascinated with Marine radioman PFC H. Morta's gear at Camp Talega.



Stakes are driven into the ground to secure the refugees' temporary homes.



Paul Donnelly of the San Gabriel Chapter of the American Red Cross assists a small Vietnamese refugee trying on donated clothing.





Forrest Whitaker co-stars in Green Dragon, which delves deep into life in the 1975 tent city here.

## Movie

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Lance, the camp's staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge, learns parts of a new language and how to deal with people, not just Marines. He

learns to put his bull horn down and get personal.

Green Dragon is a drama that displays an array of emotions we all experience in everyday life -- but heightens them to show the extremes experienced when Marines, trained only for combat, stepped outside their mission

comfort zone to deal with confused, scared civilian refugees. Both sides have to learn to understand and support each other.

Rated PG-13, Green Dragon is scheduled to be released by Silver Nitrate Releasing in February -- and is a must-see.

## Parks

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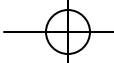
She also commended many members of Congress for their strong interest and support in urging all Americans to look to national parks and other public lands for the comfort and encouragement these special places provide.

"This Veterans Day Weekend, I encourage all Americans to join together with family and friends to honor the victims of our recent tragedies along with the veterans who protect our nation's freedom and democracy," said Norton. "And I urge everyone to take advantage of this

special opportunity to visit our nation's historic, cultural and natural treasures to reconnect with the values that have made this nation great."

The National Park Service, an Interior Department agency, manages the National Park System, which comprises 385 areas covering more than 84 million acres in every state (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These areas include national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lake shores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House.





WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Miramar's Jermaine Rutledge looks for running room during Miramar's 6-3 win over TSB Monday at 11 Area.

## Miramar clinches South Division title

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar full-back David Philpot scored from 2 yards out to cap a nine-play, 75-yard drive on Miramar's first possession of the second half, and the defense did the rest as Miramar clinched first place in the South Conference with a 6-3 win over 1st Transportation Support Battalion Monday night at the 11 Area football field.

After a first half of futility that thwarted several lengthy drives, Coach Richard Mohney had advice for his charges.

"I told the offense to quit making simple mistakes," Mohney said. "We had chances, but we didn't capitalize. We were missing our kicker (Kevin Mercier). If he were here, we could have easily been leading 9-3."

The offense responded with the game's longest drive, keyed by two big plays -- a long run by Darrell Gunter and a 40-yard sideline bomb from Odis Alexander to Christopher Isadore that put the ball at the TSB 15.

Jermaine Rutledge then caught a short pass that moved the ball to the 5.

Two plays later, Philpot dove through a huge hole for the touchdown and a 6-3 lead. A two-point conversion pass failed.

"We had gone left and right," Mohney said of the touchdown run. "We thought they'd run right by the fullback. They did."

Mohney had a point about not capitalizing on chances. Miramar had the ball inside the TSB 30 two of the three times it had the ball in the first half. Midway through the second quarter, Miramar had run a 14-play drive that covered 76 yards before it stalled at the TSB 14.

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## Lejeune Marine racers need \$5,000 to come out west

JOHN RAIFSNIDER  
STAFF WRITER

Anybody got an extra \$5,000 to invest in a race team?

Marine Capt. Ryan Givens of Camp LeJeune, N.C., is desperately looking for a quick infusion of cash to fund a trip out west for the American Race Truck Series championship Nov. 10 in Irwindale.

Givens has accepted an in-

Givens says series promoters want him to bring his truck and crew to the season finale. TV representatives are promising extra exposure in the form of an in-truck camera during the race and a feature segment on Fox Sports West, the network that will air the race on a one-hour tape-delay basis, he added.

"They (Fox) realize that the military is a hot item right now," Givens said.

"What really has them interested in my team is the fact that we are all either active-duty Marines or just recently out of the Corps. They understand that it's pretty tough to be a Marine and to campaign a race truck every week like we have this season."

Givens races in two divisions in the ARTS. He finished sixth in the Dixie Division and 11th in the Northeast Region.

"We've done pretty well this year with a limited amount of sponsorship -- that has impressed the series people somewhat. These aren't the most expensive vehicles to race, but almost every dollar spent to race this truck this year has come out of my pocket, and I just don't have anything left to pay for a trip like this."

According to Givens, his attempts to get funding directly from the Marine Corps have been unsuccessful.

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### Before I Forget ...

vation by series president Greg Larrimore to race his truck in the season-ending race, but must raise the money in the next few days to bring his crew and truck out west.

"I figure that our drop-dead time for raising the money will be Oct. 24," Givens said Monday by phone.

"If I can get anywhere from \$4,000 to \$5,000 dollars in cash in my hands by then, we can still make all the arrangements for me and my crew to get the truck out there. It would be a shame if we can't make it for that race. It is such a great opportunity to spotlight the Marine Corps -- especially since it's going to be on television that night and we're racing on the Marine Corps' birthday."

### Regional basketball



JOHN RAIFSNIDER

Barry Celestine drives hard against MCRD's Calvin Tidwell during Base's 77-66 win Tuesday at the Palace at 21 Area.

## Division spurts past 1st FSSG

JOHN RAIFSNIDER  
STAFF WRITER

Just two days before the start of the 2001 West Coast Regional Basketball Championships, 1st Marine Division was without a coach.

One of three teams from Camp Pendleton entered in the tournament. Division could have joined Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., as one of three teams not represented.

Instead, Camp Pendleton varsity sports director and basketball guru Chris Crawford decided to take on the role as Division's coach in addition to his duties as tournament director.

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## Base in WCR driver's seat

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton was in control of its own destiny Wednesday afternoon heading into a game with 1st Force Service Support Group in the West Coast Regional Basketball Championships at the 21 Area fitness center.

Meanwhile, FSSG was struggling to get back to .500 while 1st Marine Division was licking its wounds after two consecutive losses dropped it to 2-2.

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JOHN RAIFSNIDER

Yvonne Brown and Eddy Bolanos, Brown's coach.

## Bolanos unseats Holcomb as racquetball king

Champion from 3rd AABn. also serves as coach of women's titlist Yvonne Brown

JOHN RAIFSNIDER  
STAFF WRITER

Eddy Bolanos defies the old adage: "Those who can, do, and those who can't, coach."

Bolanos, the player, outlasted 35 others to capture the 2001 All-Base men's open racquetball title last week at the 43 Area fitness center.

With his championship secure, Bolanos, the coach, watched his current student, Yvonne Brown, swept five others at the 13 Area courts to take the women's division tourney title.

So much for old sayings. "She's a good listener and a good student of the game," Bolanos said about Brown.

"In the 15 months or so that I've been working with her, she has really picked up the game -- and she is only going to get a lot better."

Bolanos, of 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, dispatched reigning champion Richard Holcomb of 1st Intelligence Battalion, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, in the finals. Tom Woodard of 1 MEF was third.

Amy Konopka of 9th Communication Battalion fell to Brown in the women's finale. Landrell Folse of School of Infantry finished third.

In the 35 and older men's masters division, E. Ramos of Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, defeated Pete Castillo in the final. John Walker Jr. of Intel was third.

SOI's Gary Benson and John Garcia of 9th Comm. teamed up to

take the men's open doubles title by beating Woodard and MEF's Joel Marrone in the 15-team division.

Jason Courson and Randy Cal-

**"I couldn't have won this tournament without his help."**

**Yvonne Brown**  
*Racquetball champ*

lister of MEF Headquarters Group were third in doubles.

The 35-and-older doubles title

went to the team of Castillo and Mark Alexander.

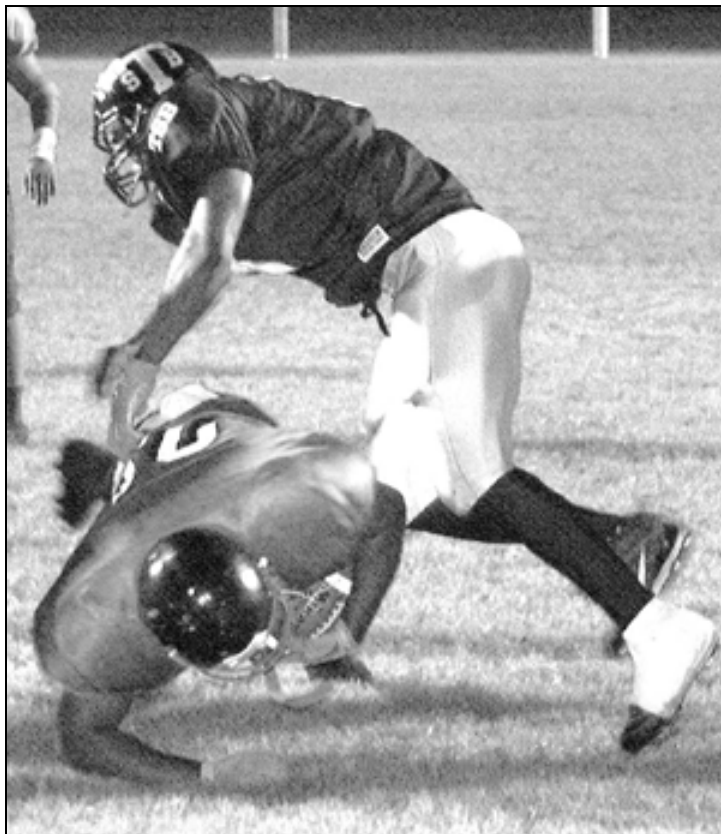
Juan Chavez and James Frances of 9th Comm. took second ahead of Hq&Spt's Michael Einsidler and C.A. Johnson.

Bolanos and his protégé, Brown, both advanced to the final round of their respective divisions from the winners bracket. Konopka earlier had lost to Brown in the semifinals and had to face Folse for the right to a rematch with Brown.

In the men's open, runner-up Holcomb also lost in the semis to his division's eventual champ.

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WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Miramar's David Philpot dives into the end zone on a two-yard run for the game's only touchdown in a 6-3 victory for the Jaguars.

## Miramar

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TSB had a similar go at it, but wasn't able to sustain any drives.

That may have made the loss a bit more frustrating for TSB.

"There were a couple of passes that could have went our way," TSB quarterback Mitch Webb said. "We were passing a lot. That was a reason that they controlled the clock."

TSB got on the board with E. Anderson's 24-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

One of the mistakes Mohney spoke to his team about set up the score.

With time running down in the half, and the ball at the Miramar 30, Alexander threw deep down the middle. TSB's Norrin Logan stepped in front of the receiver and made the interception. He was finally hauled down at the Miramar five with 30 seconds left in the half.

After an incomplete pass, TSB opted for the three.

Mohney said his defense

was a huge factor against TSB's explosive offense.

"We know they like to spread their offense," Mohney said. "We used some different packages. We went to a dime package the last two plays."

TSB had a few chances late in the game, driving to the Miramar 28 with five minutes left. That drive stalled as well and ended up getting nothing when Anderson's 45-yard field goal try missed wide left.

Webb said that TSB planned to air it out.

"We wanted to throw," Webb said. "We thought we could throw on them. We just missed a few. We just needed one good break. The game was so close that it could have swayed on a couple of plays. It just didn't happen for us. It wasn't our night."

Miramar's Darrell Gunter was another factor in Miramar's ball-control offense, running for several first downs that extended drives and kept TSB's offense off the field. Gunter gained 67 yards on nine carries.

"Gunter is a good athlete, a good running back," Webb said. "He looked good out there."

Mohney agreed.

"Gunter ran really hard,"

Mohney said. "And the offensive line played very well too. They gave us good pass protection."

Gunter said he had incentive to run hard.

"Milky Way (Lee Grant) was talking trash at the club," Gunter said, explaining that he works at a club in San Diego. "And I had to impress the soon-to-be old lady."

TSB had a final chance in the waning minute when it took over at its own 21 with 40 seconds left.

Two passes got the ball to the 45, setting up a trio of last-second bombs.

The passes were all incomplete as time ran out.

Mohney was glad to get the win.

"We had a lot of people missing," he said. "We average 40 or 50 people at this field. Tonight we were missing a lot of people at each position. I had people playing both ways. That was the first time I ever did that."

"This is the first time we've played since Aug. 29. We played a good team and it was a darn good game."

## Division

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The move changed the WCR's complexion by transforming Division from a question mark to not only a contender, but a front-runner.

Division improved to 2-0 in the tournament with an 86-74 victory over 1st Force Service and Support Group Tuesday at the 21 Area fitness center.

The win came a day after Division outlasted a talented Twenty-nine Palms team, 96-88, in the tournament opener for both teams.

B.C. Keys scored 23 points -- all in the second half -- to lead all scorers and pace Division's attack against FSSG.

"Coach put in the second pla-

toon for the second half, hoping we could hold the fort," Keys said after the game against FSSG. "We did -- and it gave our starters a chance to rest up for our next game."

FSSG coach Londrow Turner -- another renowned motivator -- saw his squad slip to 0-2 after falling to Division. On Monday, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego thumped FSSG, 79-54.

Usually, the tournament format is double-elimination; but this year, it's round-robin, so FSSG is still alive.

"We started off real good, but then we got away from our game plan -- we stopped playing team ball," Turner said after the loss to Division.

"We quit passing the ball and quit playing like a team. That gave (Division) a chance to get back into the ballgame. We were trying to

break their zone defense, but you can't do that when you're hanging onto the ball and not passing it around."

FSSG led 12-2 lead with less than six minutes gone in the first half. By then, Crawford had seen enough ineptitude and called time-out.

Crawford spoke, and his new charges responded.

Division scored 10 unanswered points, led by G.H. Howard and B.D. Dumas, to tie the game at 12.

Division later took its first lead of the game, 28-26, with 3:36 left.

By intermission, Dumas and Howard had scored 11 points each and helped build a 38-30 halftime lead.

After the break, Crawford went to his backups -- including Keys, J.S. Bonwell and O.S. Gilliam -- to carry the load. The trio responded by scoring 38 of 48 second-half

points.

FSSG led only once in the second half, 64-63, when Chris Hall scored on a breakaway layup. From that point, Division outscored FSSG 23-10.

"Early on, our guys weren't playing defense -- they were standing around."

We were lacking intensity on defense," Crawford said. "The results were that FSSG was able to shoot from just about anywhere."

"During the timeout, I told them in no uncertain terms that they had to turn up the defense. That's what they did. It's what we had to do to be successful."

## Raquetball

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Bolanos, an All-Marine softball player, sent Holcomb packing by winning 15-8, 15-4, in the winners-bracket finals, forcing Holcomb to play Woodard for the right to advance.

After Woodard fell to Holcomb in the losers-bracket finals, Bolanos put away Holcomb again by the same score -- 15-8, 15-4.

Holcomb plays Bolanos regularly. He knew he was the un-

derdog.

"He's just good. We play together a lot. He's behind his back, between his legs, he's got moves that throw you for a loop," Holcomb said. "He's got a great forehand, great backhand -- he's got no weaknesses."

"He beats me the preponderance of time. He's a little better than I am. There's no shame losing to him."

Brown had an easier time in her title match, winning 15-4, 15-0, over Konopka.

Brown said tutoring by Bolanos made the difference.

"Eddy is a great player and a great coach," Brown said of her mentor.

"He has a lot of patience with me and has worked with me to think more when I'm on the court. He is always telling me to use angles to my advantage and to not run around as much."

"I couldn't have won this tournament without his help. He's a great coach."

## Regionals

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Base remained the only unbeaten team after edging Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, 76-74, Wednesday in a showdown between the two front-runners.

Kenny Evans scored 20 points to help Base improve to 3-0. Nicholas Lee led all scorers with 35 for Miramar.

Evans also chipped in 14 Monday, complementing Antione Williams' 24 points, as Base opened with a 85-77 win over Twentynine Palms.

Williams also led Base with 19 points Tuesday in a 77-66 win over MCRD.

Division won its first two games before dropping two straight -- including a heart-breaker, 112-108 in overtime, to Marine Corps Finance Center Kansas City, Mo.

Earlier, Division fell to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, 102-86. Tyme Hodges led Division with 19 points.

FSSG's only win so far was a squeaker, 87-86, over Twentynine Palms. Jeff Nelson led FSSG with 16 points.

Nelson also led FSSG with 16 in an 86-74 loss to Division.

FSSG's opener was a 79-54 loss to MCRD. Travis Gomes led FSSG with 12 points.

The round-robin tournament continues today and concludes Friday at 21 Area.



## Forget

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"I presented the whole idea to the people in the Marine Corps who I thought might have the money to help us out," he said. "But I was told that there wasn't any money left over."

"It would really be too bad, I think, if we have to pass on going out there and giving the fans something to really cheer about. I was thinking it would be nice to have a large Marine presence out there -- a Color Guard and a great big cake -- to celebrate the Corps' birthday and to have a real All-Marine race team compet-

ing in the championship race. It will be a real missed opportunity if we can't make it there."

Givens can be reached at (910) 355-2626 or (910) 451-3873.

### NASCAR notes

It's October, and Silly Season is in full bloom on the NASCAR circuit. Expect several more changes in the coming weeks, but already, veterans Mike Skinner, Robert Pressley and Jeremy Mayfield have been relieved of their driving duties. Skinner's send-off was expected, Pressley's wasn't; Mayfield got the axe allegedly because of negative comments he made two weeks ago about the chemistry

of his crew at Penske Racing.

Skinner is set to take over the driving chores for Morgan-McClure Racing's No. 4 Kodak car in 2002. Mayfield and several other drivers on the Winston Cup circuit will probably have to wait until season's end to find new rides. Rumors abound that Jimmy Spencer may take the seat Mayfield vacated, but most rumors aren't worth addressing until the season finale Nov. 23 at New Hampshire is in the books.

NASCAR's second tier -- the Busch Series -- will also see a number of driver changes by November. Team Marines -- the No. 25 car in the Busch Series -- hopefully won't be one of them, because they began celebrating Silly Season way too early and too often in 2001. Randy Tolsma, the current wheelman for Team Marines, is the fourth driver to steer the Team Rensi Motorsports-owned Chevrolet Monte Carlo this year.

Tolsma collected his first top-20 finish Sunday at Memphis, finishing 18th. With fewer than 30 laps to go in the race, Tolsma was running eighth.

More importantly, the Team Marines entry finished the race on the lead lap -- a sign that the team may finally be getting its engine program together.

Memphis was Tolsma's 11th start of the year in the No. 25 car; previously he had driven Team Rensi's Craftsman Truck Series entry in 15 races with a best finish of 5th at Daytona and Martinsville. Tolsam notched two Top-Five finishes and six

Top-10's.

Chad Chaffin began the season in February behind the wheel for the Marine Corps-sponsored team. By the eighth race, Chaffin had been replaced by veteran road course racer David Donohue. In his seven starts, Chaffin, a three-time Memphis track champion, had delivered just one top-20 finish, 16th at Atlanta in March.

Donohue had 12 starts for Team Marines, with a best finish of 15th on July 8 at Watkins Glen, N.Y. Donohue had been running in the top three and had even led a couple of laps before an ill-advised pit stop late in the race dropped him back in the field.

Two weeks later, Donohue got his walking papers and was replaced by Andy Houston.

Houston drove the car for only one race -- July 21st at Madison, Ill. -- and finished 17th.

The next week, Tolsma climbed into the No. 25 car at Pike's Peak. Ten races later, Tolsma is still wheeling the Team Marines entry with just three races left on the Busch Series schedule. In 11 races, Tolsma has carded only three top-25 finishes. His previous best, 22nd, was in August in Bristol, Tenn.

Contacted at their homes, Chaffin and Donohue declined to discuss their tenure or their dismissals, citing unresolved contractual issues with Team Rensi.

Rick Rathbun -- who sponsored the Team Marines entry in 2000 with driver Hank Parker, Jr.

-- says he, like many, is disappointed with the lack of on-track success this year for the Team Marines crew.

"I'm sure that they are doing everything they can to be successful," Rathbun said from his business in Tennessee.

"They are disappointed -- I'm sure, and so am I. They were looking for a top-10 finish this season. There have been a lot of changes made on the team since the season started, and that makes it even more difficult to find the winning combination. They still have some time left in this season to get things sorted out and have some strong finishes."

Tolsma and the Team Marines crew have three races left on the Busch Series schedule to find their way to the winner's circle, but it won't be easy. Each of the races will be hotly contested. Series leader Kevin Harvick is just 203 points ahead of second-place and defending Busch Series champion Jeff Green.

Sunday's finish should be a boost to the Team Marines' Busch Series program. They avoided wrecking the car and finished on the lead lap -- two things that haven't happen much this year. The top-20 finish might even solidify Tolsma's place behind the wheel for next year.

One can only hope the shuffling of drivers and crew chiefs is out of their system by the time the Daytona race rolls around in February.

### Closer to home

SSgt. Tim White recently completed his first year of racing in the Pony Stock division at Cajon Speedway.

In 18 races, White failed to qualify for the competitive Pony Stock main event only three times.

White says the experience has left him raring to go for another season.

"All in all, I'd say we had a pretty good season," said White, who foots the bill for most of his racing expenses.

"I'm looking to line up some sponsors for next season. There are a couple of possibilities -- and maybe we can do a little better next year."

Over the winter, White says, he plans to strip the car to the frame and make repairs to the Pinto body before racing gets under way again next March.

"There is a lot of work to do before we go back to racing," he said. "I got hit pretty hard with five races left and ended up trying to drive a badly damaged car."

"It didn't go too fast after that last wreck, but at least we were able to get out there and get some racing experience."



JOHN RAIFSNIDER

Camp Lejeune's Ryan Givens is looking for funds so he can race his truck in the American Race Truck Series championship Nov. 10 in Irwindale.



## Youth Soccer Roundup

### Oct. 13 Under-6 Green Hornets vs. Green Giants

Kennedy Mella provided the offense. Trestian Campbell worked the ball all over the field. Travis Bouzer played hard on defense.

Kyra Newbill played a good midfield position, stopping some attacks. Gabriella Lund played outstanding defense.

### Red Dragons vs. Lightning Bolts

Hallie Whitley played great defense. Zach Jones was all over the ball on both sides of the field.

Tryston Liberman scored a hat-trick. Jackie Huizar played great and added two goals.

### Killer Bees vs. Silver Bullets

Payton Wallace was outstanding on attack. Nicholas Dryer played very aggressive defense.

Jeffrey Presgraves and Britany Vasquez displayed excellent teamwork in passing and scoring. Eric Wojhan played aggressive and effective defense.

### Fury vs. Main Side Storm

Nicole Steetr played extra hard and scored her first goal of the season. Megan Jones showed excellent play and great hustle.

Martina Pansze was covering the whole field on offense and defense. Christopher Patterson showed unstoppable energy with his fantastic performance.

### Blue Thunder vs. Orange Magic

Braden Filkins had an outstanding game. Eric Arias scored his first goal of the season.

Isiah Wilson passed the ball extremely well and assisted in scoring. Marc Anthony Montez played outstanding offense.

### Under-8 Little Rockets vs. Little Green Devils

Darion Sistrunk played a key role in controlling the ball for the Rockets. Christian Guerra's second-half goal kept the game close.

Vanessa Edmon's aggressive charging blocked many scoring opportunities. Jamie Hsia surprised everyone with her last-minute stops and excellent stamina.

### Leopards vs. Demons

Collin Brewer and Andrew Weinrich had terrific plays on the ball. Jordan Harrison played aggressively on offense and as goalie.

Adriana Cortez and Dominique Revert played great defense.

### Orange Crush vs. Scorpions

Chase Clark was stellar in goal for the Crush. Nichollette Clemons played outstanding defense.

Donnell Stephens played great defense the first half and goalie the second half. Nathan Cruz hustled with the ball and scored. Joe Williams defended the ball well.

### Raptors vs. Wildcats

John Schwartzel showed his outstanding skills on both sides of the field. Catherine Poindexter had an outstanding day on defense with several great saves. Jessica Lemans also showed impressive defensive skills.

Chris Carlisle attacked the ball and kept the team going. Alyssa Barker showed her impressive all-around skills on both sides of the field.

### Fireballs vs. Wild

Ashley Barribeau defended the goal well. Ashely Williams played hard during the game. Dalton Carter was unstoppable in goal. Sean Suggs showed impressive skills on both sides of the field.

### Gators vs. Knights

Marc Webb was great on the ball through the whole game. Jeff Borgvine was all over the ball defensively. Ryan Ripps handled the ball with ease offensively.

### Under-10

**Blazers 2, Purple Panthers 1**  
Kyler Carter did a great job on defense. Jessica Cater had several great offensive plays.

### Wizards 6, Diamondbacks 1

Nicholas Digregorio ran the ball down field to score the first goal. Devyn Ridley did a great job as a defender.

Stacey Alt covered the field like a true player with great determination. Justin Simokat repelled the offensive attack time after time.

### Aliens 2, Titans 1

Alesa Clifton made great passes and played aggressive at midfield. Taylor Dellavalle and Nicholas Guiles' strong defense helped stop several Titan attacks. Guiles also assisted Tony Renteria's two goals in the first half.

Alex Casado played excellent in the mid field. Tyler Kahl played great defense.

### Blue Angels 2, King Cobras 2

Jeffery Briskie and Jazlu Randal aggressively kept the ball in play allowing two goals. Tyler Wessling's team spirit and dedication assisted in keeping the ball with the Angels and securing a tie.

Maria Smith was outstanding on offense. Zach Yarborough aggressively defended the goal.

### Tigers 5, Vipers 2

Josh Bosse had an impressive game on offense and defense. David Bosse had a great game defensively. Bryant Malone scored twice.

David Smith was great in goal for the Vipers. Benjamin Thompson played superb defense.

### Sharks 2, Diablos 1

Tyler Ary's steady play anchored a tough defense. Chelsie Campbell played great on both offense and defense.

Tyler Throesch played a great all-around game. Todd O'Brien scored an impressive goal in the first half. John Cotoia had a fantastic game at midfield.

### Under-13

Muddy Ducks 6, Big Green 1

Rachel Turner showed extraordinary self-sacrifice for the good of the team. Eric Storms displayed incredible skills.

Patrick Dunford played an outstanding game and assisted in all the goals. Jacob Bishop's impressive skills helped to stop the Duck's drives.

### Chargers 1, Devil Dogs 0

Jaizsha Ross and Jules Ramos played great defense for the Chargers. Jelisa Rucker helped set up the offensive drives.

Kim Cordell played aggressively on offense. Malynn Robinson kept the game close with some tough defense.

### Cherry Bombs 6, Raging Leprechauns 0

Morgan Abbott had an outstanding goal. Beth Toolan showed great skill playing offense and defense.

Cassie Huckey used her body to block balls and cleared shots on defense. Jordan LeClair was great at stopping shots as goalie.

### Killer Grapes 5, Bengals 0

Katie DeMille was perfect in goal and excellent as sweeper and forward. Davis Batchelor's excellent defensive and midfield play were highlighted by an exciting shot on goal.

Elizabeth Dukes played a flawless and aggressive game. Stephen Crowe was unstoppable defensively and sacrificed his body throughout the game.

### Under-18

Gremlins 6, Warriors 1  
Aric Van Kan played a stellar game at forward, he scored two goals and assisted on another. Chris Crane's tenacious defense helped shut down the Warriors' attack.

Chris Jarvie made outstanding stops at goalie. Sonia Ozuna and Josie Samples played strong on both sides of the field.

### Applejacks 4, Galaxy 0

David Meyers played well on defense. Jeffery Evans and Teresa Morris led the offense for the Jacks.

Jimel Ruff's spectacular defense kept the game close. Melissa Ramos and Richard Ruffin's effort at halfback was outstanding.

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### Under-6

**Lightning Bolts vs.  
Green Hornets**  
Kyle Bogue played a strong defensive game. Micoala Henry assisted in many plays.

Matthew Gonzales showed excellent ball-handling skills. Lydia Strough worked hard on defense. Joey Renteria provided many scoring opportunities.

## Youth Football Roundup

### Age 5-7 Jets vs. Ravens

Garret Marks had a long run to set up a Jets touchdown. Cameron Schuster was relentless at outside linebacker, helping to shut down the Ravens' offense.

Tupulala Paulo had an interception. David Huff played well as snapper and linebacker.

### Jaguars vs. Dolphins

Chris McKinley had a touchdown-stopping tackle. Dallen Stone ran the quarterback pitch with finesse.

Daniel Garcia had an outstanding defensive game, with several backfield grabs. Justin Dawson led the team in block-

ing, springing one block for a touchdown.

### Buccaneers vs. Broncos

Lafayette Waters exploded for two rushing touchdowns. Garrett Fry grabbed several flags to help shut out the Broncos. Jacob Coronado played flawlessly at center and blocked hard.

Kamau Richardson blocked well on offense. Zachary Smith did a good job taking flags.

### "C" Division

**Ravens 39, Jets 0**  
Alex Carrol played excellent defense and had one touchdown catch. Shaquille Burgess

had two touchdowns on an interception return and a catch.

Altie Holcomb ran for 40 yards. Nicholas Weiss had five tackles. Boden Christianson played excellent defense.

### "B" Division

**Broncos 6, Dolphins 0**

Eli Gavin had a 7-yard run and played left guard the rest of the game. Troy Bloom pulled two flags and knocked down a pass at middle linebacker. Austin Piltingsrud punted and kicked off the whole game. He also pulled a flag.

Ricky Bell and A.J. Jimenez played solid defense, keeping the Broncos off the scoreboard. The Broncos scored on an inter-

ception return.

### Dolphins 24, 49ers 6

Tre Pruden returned the opening kickoff of the second half 60 yards for a touchdown.

Hunter Petrotiski scored the first touchdown of the season for the 49ers. Mike Cassada played well on offense and defense.

### Cheerleading Jets

Kirsten Cooper was a great flyer. Rebecca Berry cheered very well.

## Padres look back at season

FRED HUNTINGTON  
FOR THE SCOUT

For most Padres fans, the season is done and gone. The same can't be said for manager Bruce Bochy. With the season in the books, Bochy is now tapping his memory in an effort to establish what went wrong in 2001, and what strengths he can build on for next year.

With a smile on his face, Bochy spoke.

"The win-loss column does not tell the story of this past season," he said. "You must remember at the beginning of the year, we were picked to come in last with a very low win-loss record."

"To be truthful with you, we could have been in the playoff games. I am sure you have heard this feeling from other

managers, but the truth is that if we had only lost six in a row instead of thirteen, we would have made the play-offs."

Bochy made no excuses for the team's sudden fall.

"Although injuries hurt us very much, you can't use that as an excuse because other teams experience them also. It is also true that we had more injuries to key players than most teams," Bochy said. "This year's team was made up mainly of youngsters. We had a few older guys in key spots, Gwynn, Nevin, Henderson. These three took over as leaders and helped strengthen this club for next year."

Bochy is optimistic that next year will be a good one.

"You have also heard, 'Just you wait until next year,'" he said. "I am saying the same thing but with a greater feeling that this young team will be in

the playoffs without a doubt.

"Not only do we have very strong young pitchers on the roster, but we have some arms in AA ball that are going to surprise people. We also have some position players down on the farm that will be ready to help this club next year."

Bochy said the team's brass is already on the job working toward next season.

"The management and I are not just sitting on our hands saying that this is our team for next year. We are out looking for improvement in any spot. If we find better ball players than the ones we have, we will grab them," he said. "To be truthful with you, I honestly believe that next year will be the spring board for the future. Currently, we are in the same shoes the Atlanta Braves were when they started building their great teams."

## Minnich out with knee injury

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Camp Pendleton Golden Helmet star David Minnich hit a setback in his run toward the PAC-10 rushing title.

During his 195-yard performance against Oregon State two weeks ago, Minnich hurt his knee.

According to published reports, Minnich thought it was on-

ly a bad bruise until he had it checked Wednesday.

He then underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. While he was there, Minnich was also treated for an old injury on his lower thigh bone. The injury was aggravated by the new one.

When he was sidelined, Minnich was leading the PAC-10 in rushing with 598 yards in five games.

He missed Saturday's win

against Stanford that propelled Washington State (6-0) into the top 25 in both major polls, and is expected to miss two to four weeks.

He could be back in time for what could be a critical showdown at home against UCLA Nov. 3.

The Cougars play Oregon at home Saturday and will visit Arizona State Nov. 10.

## Hoop tryouts



WILLIAM WASSERSUG

The Camp Pendleton varsity basketball team will hold open tryouts Saturday at 2 p.m. at the 21 Area Gym. For more information, call 763-1636.